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The following resources are available:

- o A listing of all legislation introduced in the Rhode Island General Assembly
- o Reference copies of bills introduced
- o A computerized index of legislation by sponsor or subject
- o Reports and publications of departments, agencies, boards and commissions
- o Public access to computers for use of online services
- o Copies of RI General and State Laws
- o Access to federal documents and federal laws

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Capitol Television programming covers RI Senate and House sessions as well as various legislative proceedings and hearings, and can be seen on Channel 15 on both Cox Cable of Rhode Island and Full Channel Cable.

STATE LEGISLATIVE CALENDAR

LEGISLATIVE EVENT	DATE
Opening Day	First Tuesday in January
State Budget Introduced	On or before 3rd Thursday in January
Last day for House Public Bill Introduction	Mid-February
Last day for Senate Public Bill Introduction	Mid-February
Winter Recess	Third week of February
Reconvene	Tuesday following Winter Recess
Last day for House Committee Consideration of House Bills	Late April
Last day for Senate Committee Consideration of Senate Bills	Late April
Spring Recess	Third week of April
Reconvene	Tuesday following Spring Recess
Ethics Commission Financial Statements Due	Late April

Act

A bill passed by the Senate and House.

Adjournment

The end of a legislative day. Regular adjournments set the date for the next meeting. Adjournment *SINE DIE* (without a day) marks the end of the session, since it does not set a time for reconvening.

Amend

To formally modify by adding to or deleting from a measure.

Appropriation

Authorization for the expenditure of public funds for a stated purpose.

Bill

A draft of a law presented for enactment.

Calendar

List of bills awaiting action, entered in order reported.

Caucus

Meeting of legislators of the same political party to decide policy and course of action.

Debate

Formal discussion and decision on matters before the body.

Enabling Act

A law that permits a state official or a subordinate governmental unit to take specific action.

Floor

The main level of the Senate and House chambers.

Hearing

A formal meeting of a committee or commission at which testimony is presented.

Introduction

The presentation of a bill.

Journal

Record of daily proceedings in the Senate and House.

Lobbyist

A person hired by others to influence the legislative process.

Point of Order

A question raised by a legislator concerning the rules of procedure.

Quorum

The number of members required to conduct business.

Recommittal

Sending a bill back to the committee that reported it out for consideration.

Resolution

Expresses the will of the legislature or on either branch but does not, generally, have the scope or authority of law.

Session

The period during which the legislature meets and carries on its business.

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U.S. Government's Official Web Portal: www.usa.gov

En Español: www.usa.gov/gobiernousa/index

U.S. White House: www.whitehouse.gov

U.S. Senate: www.senate.gov

U.S. House of Representatives: www.house.gov

U.S. Library of Congress Government Resource Page:
www.loc.gov

Congressional Budget Office: www.cbo.gov

Office of Management and Budget: www.whitehouse.gov/omb

R.I. Budget Office: www.budget.ri.gov

National Governors Association: www.nga.org

National Conference of State Legislatures: www.ncsl.org

U.S. Conference of Mayors: www.usmayors.org

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- o Aging & Disability Services
- o Child Care
- o Food Assistance
- o Gambling Addiction
- o Health Assistance
- o Home/Shelter Assistance
- o Substance Abuse
- o Utility Assistance

Free o Confidential o Multilingual

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THE POINT

Rhode Island's Aging and
Disability Resource Center

THE POINT

THE POINT is the resource network for long-term care options and support for seniors, adults with disabilities and their caregivers. This service is free and confidential.

Contact The Point for valuable information about:

- o Transitioning back to the community from hospitals & skilled nursing facilities
- o Non-medical health and wellness services
- o Long-term care planning
- o Employment assistance for people with disabilities
- o Determining eligibility for both public assistance programs (e.g. Medicaid) and private pay services

www.ThePointRI.org

At United Way, we believe Rhode Islanders want to do better for themselves, and that by working together we can make a difference in our community. Our vision is a Rhode Island with fewer people in need.

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